



State COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Flexibilities Phase-Out

Health Facilities Licensing & Certification Onsite Provisional Licensure Inspections Resume for Free-Standing Birth Centers

Free-Standing Onsite Inspection Requirements

Effective November 1, 2021, Onsite provisional licensure inspections of free-standing birth centers will resume. No action is required of birthing centers because of this change.

Questions?

Contact Health Facilities Licensing & Certification at dhcs.hflc@alaska.gov.

History

To reduce in-person contact, to allow staff to focus on patient care, and to reduce administrative burdens as patient loads increased due to COVID-19, DHSS suspended the birthing center onsite licensure inspection requirement, 7 AAC 12.404. With the expiration of the state disaster declaration, this regulatory suspension also expires. To ensure that providers and the state can fully address any issues and re-establish normal operations, a transition period is being implemented with full compliance required effective November 1, 2021.